

ITEMS OF INTEREST
IN AND ABOUT TOWN

Happenings of the Day in
Various Parts of the
Nation's Capital.

It was a crowded Mt. Pleasant car, Capitol-bound.
At Seventeenth and I streets it stopped.

An impressive figure stepped aboard, with a great black cloak half partly covering flowing, iron-gray locks that rolled over his collar, and enveloped in a long black cloak, reaching almost to his ankles.

The crowd in the car watched with interest as he strode down the aisle. Everybody knew who he was. He was Senator Vardaman.

That is—Everybody but one. She was a bit of a golden-haired chick, cuddled up in her mother's lap. She gazed at the Senator approached.

Then she gasped. And giggled. "Oh Mama!" she chortled. "Does he have to wear those?"

The Senator halted in his tracks. It seemed, while the crowd held its breath. Then he moved ponderously on down the aisle.

Church Entertainment.
An entertainment to raise money for publication of a church bulletin was given by the Mt. Beta chapter of the Phi Mu Sigma fraternity of Metropolitan Baptist Church at the church last night. Vaudeville acts and musical numbers were given. Harry Gross, president of the chapter, and John Black, talked. The Rev. J. C. Hall gave the opening prayer.

Maccabees To Give Play.
A play, "The Maccabees," will be given at the Eighth Street Temple tomorrow night by the Washington branch of Maccabees.

WILL 57 YEARS OLD FILED

Written on Sheet of Note Paper. Witnesses All Dead.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 22.—The will of the late Stephen Decatur Spence, made May 31, 1859, and written by him on one side of a sheet of letter paper that has turned yellow from age, has just been filed for probate in the orphans' court.

It directs that Mr. Spence's estate, amounting to \$4,500, in the possession of Carroll Spence as trustee, be divided equally between the testator's two sisters, Mrs. Mary Clara Macgill, and Mrs. Roberta T. Brooke.

James Buchanan, Henry Klinefelter, and Jacob Hartsell, the witnesses, are all dead.

Mr. Spence died October 28, last, in New York, to which city he removed about thirty years ago. He was a bachelor and nearly 100 years old.

AQUARIUM SOCIETY ELECTS

R. W. Shuseldt Chosen President of Washington Organization.

Officers were elected by the Aquarium Society of Washington in the Zoological laboratory at George Washington University. The names of the officers for 1917 are: President, R. W. Shuseldt; first vice president, Louis W. Bauer; second vice president, Mrs. L. Helen Fowler; secretary, J. E. Benedict, Jr.; treasurer, Commander D. W. Tott, U. S. N.; chairman of the publicity committee, Dr. Paul Bartsch; chairman of the committee on communications, Dr. W. D. Emory, and the executive council of the society, composed of Miss Mary C. Breen, W. S. Adams, E. S. Smith, Titus Ulke and J. H. Wagner.

MRS. ELLEN AUKAM DEAD

Mother of Municipal Court Judge Succumbs at Home Here.

Mrs. Ellen Aukam, wife of Frederick G. Aukam, died at her residence, 3149 Mt. Pleasant street northwest, yesterday.

Mrs. Aukam was the mother of Judge George C. Aukam, of the Municipal Court.

Funeral services will be held Monday at the residence, after which the body will be taken to Troy, N. Y., Mrs. Aukam's former home.

ORATORS FOR BANQUET.

Following a custom at the Washington College of Law, the speakers at the annual banquet, to be held February 3, are to be women. The honor of speaking always goes to the sex opposite to the president of the class. This year all class presidents are men. The class of 1918 has entire charge of arrangements. The following speakers are to represent their classes: 1917, Miss Mary E. Laird; 1918, Miss Pauline M. Floyd; 1919, Miss Ellen M. Green.

TO ADDRESS PETWORTH C. E.

The C. E. Society of the Petworth Baptist Church will be addressed by Guy C. Hendry tomorrow evening.

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BROTHER LIFE BENEFICIARY

William McK. Osborn Benefits by Codicil Filed With Will.

William McK. Osborn is made the beneficiary for life of the estate of his sister, Ellen F. Osborn, by the terms of a codicil filed with her will in the District Supreme Court. On Mr. Osborn's death the estate is to vest in Mary H. Shoemaker. Until that time it is to be held in trust by Charles H. Cragin for the benefit of the testatrix's brother.

A second codicil, dated October 23 last, gives \$100 to Pauline Anderson, a nurse in the Osborn family. The will of the testatrix left her entire estate to the testatrix's sisters, and since both died after the drawing of the will the estate was devised by the codicils.

NEWS FROM ROCKVILLE

Oliver Smith Appointed to Reassess Chevy Chase Property.

The county commissioners have appointed Oliver Smith, tax assessor for Chevy Chase, in place of M. Wilson Offutt. He will at once begin the work of reassessing all real estate in Chevy Chase in accordance with the directions of the State Tax Commission.

The reassessment in other parts of the county is progressing satisfactorily and the results so far indicate that the taxable basis of the county will be tremendously increased.

Dr. Ernest L. Bullard and Horace C. Haddock having certified that Miss Estelle Starner is of unsound mind, the county commissioners have directed that she be committed to Springfield Hospital, at Sykesville, Md., for care and treatment.

The public schools of Montgomery county closed yesterday for the Christmas holidays and will reopen January 2. In most of the schools appropriate Christmas celebration were held yesterday.

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PERFORMANCE BEGINS:
11:00, 12:20, 1:40, 2:50, 4:10, 5:30,
7:00, 8:20, 9:40.

LEADER

A Merry Christmas To All

Beginning Sunday, Dec. 24th, and
Continuing the Entire Week

MARGUERITE CLARK

In Her Greatest Photoplay

"MISS GEORGE WASHINGTON"

(A Famous Players-Paramount Production)

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LESS LATE XMAS
SHOPPING THIS YEAR

Stores Crowded, But Rush and
Jam of Former Seasons
Is Missing.

It is evident that Washingtonians, in large measure, did their Christmas shopping early.

The stores were crowded today, as they were late yesterday, but there was not the rush, jam, bustle, and desperation that has marked the last shopping day before Christmas in years past.

In many instances, the last minute shoppers today are bargain seekers, and those picking up the last odds and ends of Christmas shopping, or picking up forgotten articles.

Though the department stores closed at 6 o'clock last night, as they will tonight, many of the smaller shops were open until 9. There was, however, little rush downtown, and those who took advantage of the evening hours had opportunity to do their shopping in leisurely fashion.

There were, however, many disappointments for the late shoppers. Articles sought were in many instances sold out, particularly with respect to novelties and seasonal goods, put in only for the Christmas trade.

There will be none of the vociferous joy and jangle of noise in the shopping district tonight that but a few years ago marked every Christmas, as peace disturbers are to be kept subdued by the police.

Reduced Fares For Christmas holidays to points South, December 20 to 25. Southern Railway. Consult Agents, 708 16th St., 911 G Street.—Ad

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URGES RURAL SCHOOLS

Miss Virginia Trimble Appeals to Congress for Mountain Folk.

An appeal has been made to Congress to build schools in remote sections of Virginia, West Virginia, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama, and Georgia by Miss Virginia Trimble, of Alabama.

Miss Trimble, who is president of a society for the relief of poor mountain white children, is supported in her work by the Daughters of the

American Revolution and the Colonial Dames Society.

Miss Trimble says that the appalling conditions in these remote sections should get relief from Congress before aid is extended elsewhere.

Miss Trimble is spending the winter here with her mother, Mrs. N. W. Trimble.

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